

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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Ph.D. and M.Phil. through Correspondence Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government/University Grants Commission is planning to grant permission for pursuing Ph.D. and M. Phil. through correspondence;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. The University Grants Commission (UGC) has informed that it has framed the UGC (Minimum Standard and Procedure for the awards of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 for maintaining minimum standards and uniformity in the procedure of award of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Degrees. These Regulations stipulate that M.Phil. and Ph.D. Programmes shall not be conducted through distance education mode in the country. The UGC has further stated that as of now it is not planning grant of permission for pursuing Ph.D. and M.Phil. through correspondence.
